

G. Quincy

Seabrook July 10. 45.

Dear Mr. Chapman:

I do not know by the  
 looks of the seal of the letter  
 whether the wax had  
 remained as it is, as one  
 of the articles in the Patent  
 says. The seal looked as if  
 somebody had begun to break  
 it, and their hand had failed  
 them. I cannot suppose  
 to be your care. However,  
 I send it to you that you  
 may consider of the contents

and consult the other mem-  
-bers of the Board, if any  
are to be got at. I cannot  
think that the Standard should  
be given up without a des-  
-perate effort to sustain it.  
People ought to be ashamed of  
themselves not to take it.  
They don't know what is for  
their good. The 22<sup>d</sup> & Stop-  
-pages seem they look bad  
& admit. I thought we had  
settled down on a solid  
foundation before they had  
now only to increase the list.  
But the matter requires

immediate attention. I see  
nothing, except to put about  
four or five into the field  
for the single purpose of getting  
subscribers for two or three  
months, & having such  
lectures attended by some  
active person who would  
devote himself to canvassing  
the town in the day-time.

I think it due to Lydell, after  
his representations to have the  
matter taken into considera-  
-tion at once. It would be  
"a denunciating spirit," to have



The Standard stop; but perhaps  
our Disunion paper is as  
much as can be sustained  
now. That is what has knocked  
off the subscribers. Should such a  
thing take place, the subscribers  
should be handed over to the  
Soc. & not the Freeman. Measures  
should be considered & some action  
taken soon. I will come in to  
a Board Meeting, if possible,  
should it be thought best to  
summon me. But if not, I  
should agree to whatever the  
majority agree determined.

Send Lydia's letter to Weymouth  
& New Bedford. I should like  
to hear your opinion on  
the premises. Your servant  
Samuel May

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